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SUBJECT: FORD'S EXPECTATION OF BEING REMOVED FROM BLACKLIST

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1. FORD REP CASTILLA SAID DURING HIS MAY 21 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR AND COMMERCIAL OFFICER THAT FORD EXPECTS TO BE REMOVED FROM BLACKLIST AT EARLY DATE. REMOVAL WILL BE RESULT OF BUILDING OF DIESEL ENGINE AND TRUCK ASSEMBLY PLANT IN EGYPT WHICH, ACCORDING TO CASTILLA, IS EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED BY GOE WITHIN ONE WEEK. CASTILLA STATED THAT EGYPTIANS INITIALLY INDICATED THAT FORD COULD EXPECT EGYPTIAN BACKING IN FORD'S ATTEMPT TO BE REMOVED FROM BLACKLIST BY CENTRAL BOYCOTT OFFICE

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BUT THAT EGYPT HAS NOW RETREATED FROM THAT POSITION AND ONLY PROMISES TO REMOVE FORD FROM BLACKLIST IN EGYPT.

2. CASTILLA INDICATED OPTIMISM THAT REMOVAL FROM BLACKLIST IN EGYPT WOULD QUICKLY BE FOLLOWED BY REMOVAL FROM BLACKLISTS OF ALL BUT THE MOST INTRANSIGENT OF THE ARAB STATES (LIBYA AND IRAQ WERE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY). ACCORDING TO CASTILLA, HIS CONTACTS

IN SAUDI ARABIA HAVE ASSURED HIM THAT SAUDI ARABIA WOULD ALSO REMOVE FORD FROM ITS BLACKLIST. (AMONG POSSIBLE AGENTS CASTILLA MENTIONED IN SAUDI ARABIA WAS MOHAMAD IBN FAHD IBN ABD ALAZIZ AND HE, ACCORDING TO CASTILLA, WAS ONE OF THE REASSURING VOICES HEARD IN RIYADH). (COMMENT: IF EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA DO, IN FACT, REMOVE FORD FROM THEIR LISTS, QATAR AND OTHER GULF STATES WILL PRESUMABLY FOLLOW.)

3. CASTILLA SAID THAT FORD HAD INVESTED A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND MONEY IN EDJXLIAN PLAN AND THAT THIS EFFORT WOULD BE THE FINAL EFFORT BY FORD TO GET REMOVED FROM BLACKLIST. HE STATED IF PLAN FALLS THROUGH OR IF EGYPT FAILS TO DELIVER BY REMOVING FORD FROM EGYPTIAN BLACKLIST FORD WILL MAKE NO FURTHER EFFORT TO ENTER ARAB MARKET.

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